

## **Defense Contract Management Agency**

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### **General Information:**

The Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) is the Department of Defense (DoD) component that works directly with Defense suppliers to help ensure that DoD, Federal, and allied government supplies and services are delivered on time, at projected cost, and meet all performance requirements. DCMA professionals serve as "information brokers" and in-plant representatives for military, Federal, and allied government buying agencies -- both during the initial stages of the acquisition cycle and throughout the life of the resulting contracts.

Before contract award, DCMA provides advice and services to help construct effective solicitations, identify potential risks, select the most capable contractors, and write contracts that meet the needs of our customers in DoD, Federal and allied government agencies.

After contract award, DCMA monitors contractors' performance and management systems to ensure that cost, product performance, and delivery schedules are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contracts.

The Pittsburgh DCMA office encompasses 30 operating locations in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the northwest corner of Maryland.

### **Small Business Assistance:**

The DCMA Small Business Assistance will generally be limited to proper referrals to organizations resourced to provide specific support to the small business community. Referrals are made to assisting organizations like Procurement Technical Assistance

Centers (PTAC's), the SBA, Small Business Development Centers (CBDC's), and Procurement or Buying Commands.

Audit reviews of large prime contractors are performed to ensure compliance with contract small business goals and subcontracting plans. Performance improvements are suggested by referral to resources supporting small business subcontracting opportunities.

**Assistance to Schools & Community:**

DCMA Pittsburgh participates in a variety of community related activities. Among these is the Federal Executive Board Day of Caring, through which Federal Employees in participating agencies work to rehabilitate parks and other public neighborhood recreational areas. The organization also participates in the Red Cross Blood Donor Program, the Combined Federal Campaign, Bring a Child to Work, Toys for Tots, and the Federal Savings Bonds Program.